



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

01/26/05 **BC-4-05**

PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending January 22, 2005, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.8% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) increased 1.8% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.1 million, an decrease of 4.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending January 15, 2005 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

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| _ | | EGGS SET 1/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | | | |
| | WEEK | PREV | CURR | PREV | CURR | PREV | CURR | | |
| | ENDING | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR | | |
| THOUSANDS | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11/27/04 | 13,859 | 13,803 | 11,653 | 11,306 | 11,752 | 11,308 | | |
| | 12/04/04 | 13,695 | 13,594 | 10,958 | 10,808 | 11,048 | 10,808 | | |
| | 12/11/04 | 13,762 | 13,810 | 11,250 | 11,193 | 11,250 | 11,195 | | |
| | 12/18/04 | 13,719 | 13,804 | 11,507 | 11,455 | 11,507 | 11,455 | | |
| | 12/25/04 | 13,621 | 14,010 | 11,278 | 11,235 | 11,278 | 11,237 | | |
| | 01/01/05 | 13,595 | 13,713 | 11,385 | 11,464 | 11,385 | 11,464 | | |
| | 01/08/05 | 13,634 | 13,875 | 11,233 | 11,487 | 11,233 | 11,487 | | |
| | 01/15/05 | 13,755 | 13,402 | 11,151 | 11,657 | 11,151 | 11,657 | | |
| | 01/22/05 | 13,656 | 13,114 | 11,217 | 11,418 | 11,217 | 11,418 | | |
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- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
- 2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
- * Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| WEEK ENDING | | PREV. | PREV. | PREV. | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | 01/29/05 | WEEK | MONTH | YEAR | |
| New York Weighted Avg | 71.58 | 71.21 | 64.18 | 72.26 | |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 71.64 | 72.05 | 68.26 | 69.79 | |

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
- 2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.